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Mr. Loomis Answers Charges Growing Out of His Mission to Venezuela. The recent conference between the President and Secretary Taft as to the Bowen-Loomis controversy resulted in a conclusion that Mr. Loomis should be given the initiative in the presentation of the case.

Peasants Burning Property. ST. PETERSBURG, May 13.—The peasants of the district of Sergate, government of Nizhni Novgorod, have risen and set fire to several properties. They are preventing all work in the fields.

LESLIE M. SHAW SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY Sketch of His Interesting Career.

RISE IN PUBLIC LIFE THE "DAVID HARUM" OF THE CABINET. Early Struggle With Poverty—Elected Governor in 1896—His Eye on the Presidency.

"David Harum in the cabinet." That is the term of affectionate endearment often applied to Leslie M. Shaw, Secretary of the Treasury. Is it that "David Harum in the White House" that is a question which Secretary Shaw's friends answer most enthusiastically in the affirmative, in which answer Mr. Shaw is supposed secretly to concur.

The bustling west, of which Mr. Shaw is a type, is made up in its most successful population of "Yankees," who have migrated, settled and made fertile and prosperous the second land. The stony farms of Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut and the wooded slopes of Maine have contributed to the bone, sinew and brains of the land beyond the Missouri. It is a saying out west that "Kansas was populated by Indiana people, who did not have the nerve to go farther." That undoubtedly

Secretary Leslie M. Shaw. Is a slander. No one who knows Indiana people could ever think that they did not have the nerve to follow anything they were after. Probably they concluded that Kansas was the softest thing in sight and stayed with it.

Yankees of the East. However, that expression has never been applied to the Yankees of "way down east." Scratch a successful man anywhere in the northwestern states and it's dollars to doughnuts you'll find a man who was born in one of the states east of the Hudson and whose ancestors, if not himself, had endured the vigorous training of that section. They were bound to succeed in the west. Their natures were inured to the severe discipline, mental and physical, of their eastern birth. Transplanted to the free and open atmosphere of the west, it was inevitable that they should expand, reach out grasping and control in their new surroundings, where there was room for expansion.

A Fitting Example. Leslie M. Shaw is a fitting example of a class. He spent his youth in the hard school of a narrow New England life. Born in Vermont in 1818, he lived in a little town of Stowe. He received a good education at the academy at Morrisville and when he was twenty-one years of age went to Iowa. He earned the means to graduate himself from the Iowa College of Law in 1846.

POLLUTION OF THE POTOMAC. Police Authorities to Take Action for Prosecution of Guilty Ones. The case against Everett Sutcliffe, formerly manager for Warren Brothers, tar manufacturers, charged with polluting the waters of the Potomac river, was called in the Police Court before Judge Mills Thursday.

Appeals of Railways Docketed. The appeals of the Union Pacific and the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad companies in the Nebraska cases involving the tax levies on the roads in the state for 1904 were docketed in the Supreme Court of the United States yesterday.

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BULLDOG TENACITY OF THE JAPANESE INFANTRY. A SUPERB DISPLAY HOW OYAMA'S PLANS WERE EXECUTED.

Desperate for the Possession of the Shaoh—Attacks and Counter Attacks at Night. Correspondence of the Associated Press. HEADQUARTERS OF GEN. KUROKI'S ARMY, near Tieling Pass, Manchuria, March 15.—The combination of the most efficient staff with the bravest and more intelligent soldiers to execute its plans decided the mastery of Manchuria. Again the Japanese gave a splendid exhibition of their skill in the art of fighting. They were courageous beyond criticism and stubbornly defended their lines, but in generalship and the employment of modern methods the Japanese surpassed them. The Russian retreat began in as good order as that from Liao Yang, but when the soldiers realized that they were being surrounded it became a panic which resulted in a mass have been humiliating to the officers.

Russians Waited Too Long. The battle of Mukden, like Liao Yang, had for the Japanese some days of suspense when it appeared doubtful if the Russians could be forced from their positions. It was full of surprises, and the climax, when Kuroki's soldiers, who, judged by all standards, should have been completely exhausted from ten days of fighting and exposure, marched rapidly forward in a thick sand storm and appeared across the Tieling road beyond Mukden, was a decisive and brilliant stroke which completely decimated their retreat too long.

Infantry Begin Action. Wednesday the men who have done more than any other branch of the army to win battles—the Japanese infantry—came into evidence. During the night two companies had been sent forward and occupied a village in the plain to the right of Witesan. In front of a hill where the correspondent was watching events. That day they were subjected to the hardest test that infantry has to endure, to lie still under heavy shelling all day and take their chances of being hit. There was no protection in the town except that with saw roofs and high walls, and men were killed around the yards. The soldiers huddled in long rows behind the walls, while the Russian shells fell near by and some times striking the village.

Japanese in Five Bodies. The beginning of the battle found the Japanese forces organized into five bodies. Three were along the Shaoh and westward to the Hun. Nogi's veterans were ready to march northward and attack Mukden from the northwest, and they executed their part of the plans brilliantly. On the extreme east was an untried force, which was to attack the Russian line at the Yalu, and was to make a junction with the Japanese right wing and sweep around to the north of the Russian lines of defense. Its work was to outflank the Russian line and cut the branch railway and Kuropatkin's eastern stronghold, as Nogi did at Mukden.

Kuroki's Advance. Two divisions of Kuroki's army were sent eastward as soon as the battle began, indeed they were on the march before the opening of the bombardment, to co-operate with the right army. There was a break of almost twenty miles in the line between the easternmost division and the others at one time, and the ground was covered only by cavalry brigade and some infantry reserves. The division, which was the same experience which befell the Yalu force, and the town of Shateray, in the mountains northeast of Witesan, was its base. The Russian line was broken up and some miles west of Witesan left uncovered between Kuroki's left and the right of another army, which kept the Russian line in reserve to meet an attack at that point, but the expected attack was never delivered. Afterward it was learned that the Russian line was equally weak along that stretch of the river, and the Russians were wondering why the Japanese did not strike them there.

Japanese Bombardment. The Japanese bombardment of the Russian positions was fixed to begin on Sunday, February 26. The left army was then started on their march across the Hun to Mukden, but the right army had not advanced as far as had been expected. The Japanese general, however, was confident of the success of his plan, and he ordered the right army to advance. The Japanese policy was to hold and engage the Russian army in the center, while their flanking armies were pushed forward.

Kuroki Across the Shaoh. Two days after the contingents of Gen. Kuroki's left division had secured their foothold across the Shaoh, the center division

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Simon's Mission Welcomed. Bishop Francis Hodur of the Independent Polish Catholic Church, at Wickesbarre, Pa., says that he welcomes the forthcoming visit of Archbishop Simon, who has been delegated by Pope Pius X to come to this country for the purpose of investigating the causes which led to so many Polish people to leave the Church of Rome.

Major Carrington's Case. Record of the Court's Proceedings Sent to Washington. The military secretary has been informed by cable that the trial of Major Frank de L. Carrington, 1st Infantry, before a general court-martial at Manila, P. I., on charges of desertion and insubordination, has been completed, and that the record of the proceedings of the court has been forwarded by mail to Washington.

Desertions From the Army. As the result of the numerous desertions from the army during the past year a circular has been issued by the War Department directing the recruiting officers to do their best to obtain men for the army. The general staff is concerned over the heavy increase in the number of desertions and has indicated through memoranda that it has been going about their work and that it is believed that with a little more care to get the right kind of men by the enlistment corps the rate of desertions will decrease.

Nebraskans After Freight Rates. There is a strong probability that within the next ten days Governor Miesey of Nebraska will call an extra session of the legislature to enact a law reducing the freight rates in this state. The extra session is demanded by the entire press of the state, regardless of politics, and heavy shippers of live stock and other staples are adding their weight to the influence which is being brought to bear on the governor.